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### DR. BOOKER T. WAHSINGTON'S REPORT—WONDERFUL PROGRESS OF THE SCHOOL ENROLLMENT FOR 1909-1910.

Dr. Booker T. Washington of Tuskege Institute has made his report to the trustees of that institution. Among other things he says:

The school year which has just closed has been remarkable and exceptional in one respect: that of solving some of the school's most perplexing and longest existing problems. I refer, first, to the problem which the trustees took in hand some months ago, of securing a sufficient amount of pure water. For a number of years the institution has suffered in its industrial operations and in sanitary directions because of an inadequate and impure water supply. One result of this lack of water has been to endanger the health of the school. Some months ago the trustees asked the advice of Mr. William Barclay Parsons, of New York City as to our water supply. The result has been that Mr. Parsons generously donated his services and advised the digging of artesian wells. Already two wells have been completed by the Hudson Engineering Company, from which we are securing about 235,000 gallons of water per day. A third is being dug, and is nearing completion, from which 100,000 gallons additional are likely to be secured. Mr. Parsons and the engineering company estimate that a fourth well will give us a daily supply of at least 400,000 gallons, which, it is thought, will be enough to permanently supply the school with water. In addition to the digging of the wells, a large metal tank with a capacity of 40,000 gallons has been erected. All this has added greatly to the cash expenditures for the year, but the wisdom of this expense is already shown in the fact that during the school year just closed there has not been a single case of typhoid fever. Up to the present point the total cash outlay for wells, air lift, pumps, pipes, tank, etc., has been \$17,333.17. When the contract is fully complied with, the total expenditure will be about \$40,000, but I do not think the school has ever spent money to better advantage. Mr. Parsons recommends that our present drainage system be improved and extended and a septic tank and new reservoirs be put in at a cost of \$14,065.88.

### ENROLLMENT FOR 1908-1909.

During the past year we have had an attendance of 1,494 students, and while the number enrolled is less than last year, the average attendance is higher. These students have come mainly from Alabama and other Southern States, but in all thirty-five states have been represented and nineteen foreign countries. Practically all of these students have boarded and slept upon our grounds. In all the departments 167 officers, instructors and helpers have been employed. In connection with the academic education, training has been given in thirty-eight industries or trades. This number does not include the one hundred and fifty children in the training school.

### FINANCIAL.

The Treasurer's report will show our financial condition in detail. My report covers the subject briefly only. During the year the receipts for current expenses have been \$201,483.11. Of this amount \$61,618.82 has come from interest on endowments, \$26,375.00 from the General Education Board, Slater Fund, Peabody Fund and the State of Alabama. The remainder \$113,489.29 has come from students for entrance fees and from individuals, churches, Sunday Schools and other organizations. We have received for special purposes mainly for permanent improvements in the way of buildings, \$39,534.95; for endowment, \$28,692.35; in the form of unrestricted legacies, \$142,927.40. Both the amounts received for endowment and through unrestricted legacies have been put in the hands of the Investment Committee.

There is now in the hands of the Investment Committee legacies and

special gifts amounting to \$271,940.94. Of this amount \$87,099.59 has been designated for special purposes by the donors, or by the Committee. I recommend that the balance, \$84,841.35 be used as follows: \$23,485.66 for permanent improvements for which no funds have been received; \$43,207.65 for current expenses; \$51,250.00, the legacy of Miss Alice Byington, for permanent Endowment Fund, and that the balance, \$66,898.04, remain in the General Fund.

The Endowment Fund now amounts to \$1,338,345.54. If the addition is made as recommended above it will be \$1,389,595.54. We have always adhered to the policy of not using for any other purposes money given specifically for endowment.

### TRAINING FOR NEGROES

National School, under Baptist auspices, to Open Next Tuesday

The National Training School, maintained by the national Baptist convention, for women and girls of the negro race, will open Tuesday, October 19, at Lincoln, D. C., with Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, corresponding secretary of the women's national convention, president. The institution was established primarily to furnish competent training for girls of the negro race for service as domestics, nurses, and for mission work.

Six acres of land have been purchased at Lincoln, and two comfortable buildings erected for class and dormitory purposes.

"We might as well learn this year as next," says Miss Burroughs, "that it is no disgrace to be a well-trained servant, but it is rather a shame and a crime to be a makeshift. No woman who wants to make dresses thinks it an eternal disgrace to prepare herself for the work. Then, why should a woman who feels it her calling to wash and iron, or keep house, or cook, turn up her nose when some one tells her to go to a training school and learn how to do her work well."

"If the negro woman doesn't watch her job and do her work better than any one else she will find that it has been taken by the woman of the same nationalities that took the barber business, the boot-black business, and the whitewash business from the negro men."

A program has been arranged with prominent men of the denomination as speakers, the exercises to be held at the institution at Lincoln Tuesday afternoon and at the Vermont Avenue Baptist Church at 7:30 p. m. Among the speakers are to be Commissioner Macfarland, Roscoe C. Bruce, Kelly Miller, Miss Mattie R. Bowen, John C. Dancy, Dr. W. T. Graham, Rev. M. W. Gilbert, Mrs. C. H. Parrish, Rev. W. Bishop Johnson, Dr. G. W. Parks, Rev. Walter L. Brooks, Dr. E. C. Morris, Rev. L. G. Jordan, W. T. Vernon, W. Calvin Chase, Dr. Harvey Johnson, Mrs. P. J. Bryant, Miss M. M. Kimball, Dr. William A. Credit, Rev. George W. Lee, Rev. J. Milton Waldon, and Mrs. J. M. Layton.—The Washington Post.

### VAGARANCY LAW ATTACKED

Attorney Thomas L. Jones Before the Court of Appeals

In the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia last week, Attorney Thomas L. Jones made one of the finest legal arguments that ever emanated from the lips and brains of man. Jerry Flemming was charged in the police court with vagarancy. He was represented by Attorneys Jones and Clinkscales.

The first witness, George Wilson testified that on the evening of March 6, 1909 about nine o'clock p. m. the defendant, Flemming followed him from ninth street and Pennsylvania Avenue and as he went into the alley to get his horse from the stable he left the defendant and another man standing at the mouth of the alley, and when he (witness) came out defendant and another man following him, that defendant hissed at him on the way. Witness asked defendant what he wanted, defendant replied by asking witness if he wanted to do business, etc. Mr. Main another government witness testified to about the



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same. No testimony was offered by the government to show that the defendant had ever been wanted before or that he has ever committed other acts. The defendant having been convicted Attorneys Jones and Clinkscales carried the case to the Court of Appeals by a writ of error, where it was signed last week. Mr. Jones made the argument. He reviewed the testimony in his brief, on which the defendant was convicted, and argued that the police court judge erred in not dismissing his motion to quash and his motion is arrest of judgment. The defendant argued Mr. Jones produced three witnesses including himself who denied the charges of the prosecution, whereupon counsel for the defendant moved the court in arrest of judgement and for a new trial both being denied, hence, Mr. Jones' masterly argument before the Court of Appeals. He said in his brief that the motion was in the notice of a demurrer, that no evidence was offered to prove the plaintiff in error was "an idle person," a person without means of support, a person leading an idle and criminal life, found repeatedly in and around tippling houses. Mr. Jones argued that Congress, under the act of March 3, 1909 gives a faint and feeble reference that plaintiff in error was a person leading an immoral life. Of this element, embraced in one of the classifications of the vagarancy act of March 3, 1909, constitutes vagrancy, then the only evidence of record to maintain it is "Hello Blonnie," and "Oh you Kid," and an invitation.

Mr. Jones claimed that a statue defecating felony or misdemeanor must be strictly combined. He cited the case of The People vs. Forges the Court said.

Because a person was idle does not necessarily follow that he is a vagrant, and while these acts are constitutional, they should be considered strictly and examined carefully in favor of the liberty of the citizen.

Mr. Jones cited several Supreme Court decisions and many other authorities. His flights of oratory and the legal knowledge of the law that he displayed gives many favorable comments from members of the bar who heard him dissect the vagrancy law that has sent so many people to the work-house.

**PITTMAN WILL BUILD IT.**  
Mr. W. Sidney Pittman, of this city, will draw the plans and specifications for the New Williams and Ferguson College of Abbeville, S. C. Mr. Pittman has a world-wide reputation as an architect.

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### PARAGRAPH NEWS

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Miss Goniaevia B. Maxfield  
W. I. Buchanan, of Buffalo, N. Y., former minister of the United States to the Argentine Republic and Panama, and who had been closely identified with several important American diplomatic missions, died Oct. 17 in London, suddenly, while on a mission for the State Department in negotiating settlement of the pending Venezuelan claim. He will be greatly missed in the diplomatic circles.

Miss Mary Robinson, the aged author, who wrote for magazines and who resides alone in a little cottage, committed suicide by inhaling gas.

It is said Uncle Sam grew financially fat off industrious inventors last year, the records showing that revenues in fees from this source was sufficient to pay \$1,887,443 the expenses of the United States patent office and leave a surplus of \$88,476.

Emma Goldman, better known as the "Queen of Red" delivered a fiery speech before 1,000 men and women, socialists, anarchists and other radicals in New York. They adopted resolutions denouncing the execution of Francisco Ferrer, the Spanish revolutionist. "Alfonso the assassin" was muttered in three languages, English, Spanish and French. Was an anarchist ever found in the Negro race.

According to the report received by the University of Pennsylvania Museum the most valuable antiquities discoveries in the Nile valley of Egypt this season, has been made by Eckley B. Cox, who states as follows: We cleared around the walls of town of Behen, which consisted of very interesting sites of fortifications. Within the eighteenth dynasty walls were discovered, a series of unique and valuable tombs of the 12th dynasty, from which were obtained the most valuable finds of the season, outside the town we found a large cemetery of the New Empire of 1600 B. C. The Egyptians it will be remembered were negroes.

Willie Sides, the eleven-year-old son of Dr. Boris Sides is a marvel. He has entered Harvard University where he is now taking up advanced mathematics, usually reserved for graduates. At eight, he knew Greek, Latin, French, Russian, English and German and was versed in sciences. As a mathematician, young Sides has been pronounced a prodigy. He knows all the minor mathematics thoroughly, and invented a new table of logarithms based on the number twelve instead of ten, as had been the rule for centuries, and all the learned mathematicians, who saw it declared it was perfect.

Monday was the day set by the Re-

tail Liquor Dealers Association for the discontinuance of the five cent growler. It is said by the association that saloon keepers who violate these rules are liable to have their license taken away.

Those who have not or are not reading "The Story of the Negro" by Booker T. Washington in "The Outlook Magazine" are missing a rare treat.

It is said Commander Peary has been offered by Mr. Clarence D. Antrim a prominent Methodist layman of Philadelphia, Pa., who conducts a lecture bureau, \$25,000 for twenty-five lectures.

Miss Delia Dana, grand-daughter of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, has decided to devote her life to caring for the sick poor at the children's Hospital in Boston.

Are you honest, do you pay your debts, if so pay your subscription for The Bee.

Prof. Zefaniah Hopper, who occupies the Geometry in the great Central High School for boys in Philadelphia, numbering about 2,000, celebrated his 85th birthday. Prof. Hopper it is said is the oldest teacher in the United States, having spent 67 years of his life in that capacity.

Chief W. R. Griffin, of the True Reformers, will be tendered a testimonial reception, Oct. 22 at True Reformers Hall, in recognition of his six successful years in the District having handled in cash for The True Reformers more than \$250,000.

Rev. Ernest Lyson, U. S. Minister to Liberia, is again in this country, and at his old home in Baltimore, Md.

The Christian Endeavor of the Third Baptist Church will be addressed Sunday evening Oct. 24, by Mr. M. C. Mansfield, of the 19th St. Baptist Church.

**BAPTISTS ADJOURN**  
Will Meet Next July at Mount Jezereel Church

The First Washington Baptist Association, which has been in session for the past three days at the Tenth Street Baptist Church, adjourned last night to meet next July at the Mount Jezereel Baptist Church, 5th and E streets southeast.

Resolutions thanking the ladies of the church for the entertainment of the delegates were adopted. The ladies' committee in charge of the reception consisted of Mrs. R. Marshall, chairman; Mrs. Lola Walls, secretary; Mrs. Lucy Spurlock, Mrs. Hannah Brown, Mrs. M. Payne, Mrs. Rosa Barnard, Mrs. Minnie C. Robinson, Mrs. A. Burnett, Mrs. Susie G. Lamkins and others. A reception will be tendered the members of the committee next Thursday evening at the church.

Rev. A. Catlett, pastor of the Mount Bethel Baptist Church, will preach a sermon tonight at the Tenth Street Church, in which he will give an account of the work of the association. Three sermons will be preached Sunday, while special association meetings will be held all day. Rev. W. P. Hopkins of Croning, N.Y., will preach at 11 a.m.; Dr. S. P. W. Drew at 3:30 p. m. and Rev. H. Porter of South America will preach at 8 p. m.

The covenant meeting in the afternoon will be conducted by the deacons and the communion services by the pastor, Rev. S. Geriah Lamkins.

A ten-day revival meeting will start next week under the direction of Evangelist A. B. Jamison of Cincinnati, Ohio.—The Evening Star.

**DR. S. L. CORROTHERS**  
GREAT OVATION TO THE DISTINGUISHED DIVINE

Carlisle, Pa., Oct. 14.  
Dr. S. L. Corrothers (of Washington), the great pulpit orator, delivered an address here today to the school children, and at night to the people. The ovation in this city to the doctor was the most enthusiastic that has ever been given to anyone. He left here for Harrisburg, Pa., where he also spoke to a large and enthusiastic audience.

Dr. S. L. Corrothers has just returned to the city from Carlisle and Harrisburg, Pa., where he has been on ministerial business.

### LARGE AUDIENCE HEARS VERNON

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 19, 1909.—Allen Temple at Sixth and Broadway was crowded to the walls last night by a representative audience of the colored citizens of the city to listen to an address by W. T. Vernon, register of the treasury, on "The American Negro." A very important part of the meeting was the introduction to the audience of the higher officials of the city, many of whom were present, including Mayor Galvin Scott Small, Jacob F. Eyrich, Ernst Von Bagen, Fred Maag and Dr. Louis Schwab, Republican candidate for mayor.

Each of the gentlemen was given a flattering presentation to the audience and all responded with short speeches, in which Dr. Schwab and Mayor Galvin were particularly successful.

Dr. Vernon, the speaker of the evening, followed Mayor Galvin and made a brilliant and forceful speech in behalf of his race.

In speaking of the American negro, Mr. Vernon ably defended his race against many of the charges that have been brought against it. He showed the progress the negro has made and what he is still accomplishing, but at the same time warned his hearers that talk without work meant nothing.

He declared that the negro is in the country to stay and that the problem of the race is one that will have to be worked out in this country. After reciting the services of negroes to this country before the civil war he made a brilliant exposition of what the negro has accomplished since they were given political freedom. He recited a long list of eminent negroes who are leaders in science, law, medicine and literature. He declared that the Negro is now paying taxes on \$800,000,000 worth of property in this country, but that in reality their holdings are worth far more than that.

He also made it a strong point that whereas, before the war, the negro was the ward of the white man, he is now thrown on his own resources in one of the bitterest competitions for the survival of the fittest that history has ever known and that the negro must stand or fall by his individual achievements. He declared that the negro must learn and appreciate the value of honest toil, thrift, frugality and Christian living, and that he will be respected according to his capacity to live up to the demands of modern civilization and the struggle for existence.

The meeting was for the benefit of the Republican union and was a great success financially as well as in other ways. Much of the success of it was due to W. P. Dabney, who presided and was largely instrumental in getting it up.

### THE BAPTIST SCHOOL.

The National Training School for Young Women, under the auspices of the Baptist Churches throughout the country held its opening exercises on Tuesday afternoon at Lincoln, D. C. This school will be in charge of Miss Nannie R. Burroughs, one of the most gifted speakers in this country.

Among those who participated in the exercises held at the school and at the Vermont Avenue Baptist Church were: Commissioner Macfarland, Roscoe C. Bruce, Kelly Miller, Miss Mattie R. Bowen, John C. Dancy, Dr. W. T. Graham, Rev. M. W. Gilbert, Mrs. C. H. Parrish, Rev. W. Bishop Johnson, Dr. G. W. Parks, Rev. Walter H. Brooks, Dr. E. C. Morris, Rev. L. G. Jordan, W. T. Vernon, W. Calvin Chase, Dr. Harvey Johnson, Mrs. P. J. Bryant, Miss M. M. Kimball, Dr. William A. Credit, Rev. George W. Lee, Rev. J. Milton Waldron and Mrs. J. M. Layton.

### MALE CHORUS IS ORGANIZED

At a meeting held recently at the residence of Ernest Amos, Church st. N. W. a male chorus was organized. The purpose of the organization is to enliven an interest in chorus work among colored young men of Washington and to give financial aid to worthy charitable institutions in this city. The following officers were elected: President, Ernest Amos; vice president, J. A. Minor; director, Henry Grant; secretary, A. M. Daniels; treasurer, Sevelon Savoy; manager, J. Moria Saunders. A rules committee was appointed to launch the chorus upon a firm basis.